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THE MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NETWORK...

...is approximately 190 dedicated professionals from organizations and agencies that are advancing Safe Routes to School (SRTS) in Minnesota...

...that builds skills in Minnesota communities to successfully implement SRTS, supporting partnerships between state and local agencies, municipalities, and advocacy organizations, and advocating for policy changes to support walking and bicycling to schools and improvements to the built environment...



...and makes Minnesota a state where all students, no matter their race, ethnicity, income level, age, ability, or geographic location, can walk and bicycle on routes that are safe, comfortable and convenient...

...because to be able to walk and bike safely makes health, learning, communities, and independence better for all of us.

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introduction
- Minneapolis Public Schools New SRTS Action Plan
 - Julie Danzl and Jenny Bordon
- Best Practices in Citywide SRTS Planning and Implementation
- State Policy Priorities: Dorian Grilley
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Minneapolis Public Schools Safe Routes to School Culinary & Wellness Services

Jenny Bordon,
Active Living Coordinator

Julie Danzl,
Student Wellness Manager

funding:



 Nurturing ALL children through
access to quality food and active living.

Invited 2016/2017. New home Culinary & Wellness Services

Minneapolis Public Schools

Students As of 1/4/2016

● White Americans 12,028

Students of Color 23,689

● African American 13,454

● Hispanic American 6,603

● Asian American 2,275

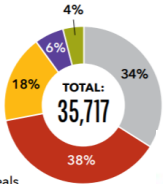
● American Indian 1,322

18% Special Education

62.6% Free or Reduced Price Meals

22% English Language Learners

7% Homeless and Highly-mobile



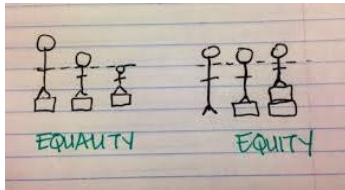
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WHY SRTS Planning for MPS?

"In addition, wide disparities between white people and people of color exist in Minneapolis in health, in academic achievement, in finances and more. The planning process will help us to engage the community in a real way bringing transparency, equity, and focus to our work."

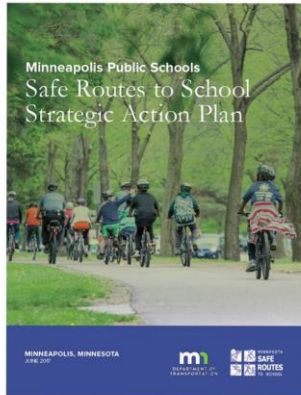


MPS SRTS Equity



Walking and biking are safe, comfortable, and convenient for every student, regardless of race, cultural identity, immigrant or refugee status, language, gender or sexual identity, income, religion, and whether or not a student receives special education, has a physical or mental disability or is homeless or highly mobile.

MPS SRTS Strategic Action Plan



Completed summer 2017
MnDOT Grant ~ Alta Planning

- Monthly SRTS work group meetings
- Stakeholder focus group conversations at schools with parents, staff, and students
- Pop up engagement with students at lunch, parents at NAAPID events, and online survey
- Key informant interviews with staff involved in SRTS efforts
- Coordination meetings with Minneapolis Public Works and Hennepin County



OUR VISION extends beyond school commute



#1 Universal Bicycle Education



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Pillsbury Pedal Power

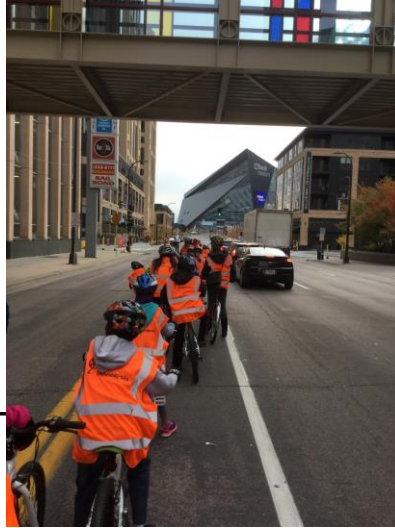


Second Bicycle Fleet!



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Weekly Field Trips



#3 Stipends for Staff & Volunteers



Bus Stop & Walk



11 schools circled on the map do weekly Bus Stop and Walks

MN Crossing Guard Training

Starring staff and families from Whittier,

Bethune, Jefferson, Lyndale

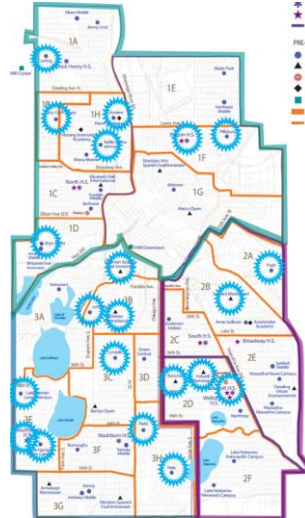
Online: 7 modules

(about 10 minutes each)



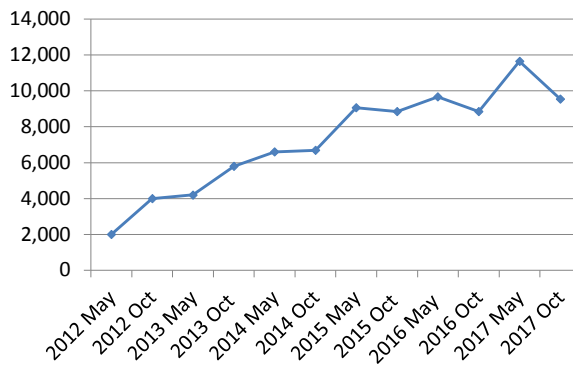
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Walk & Bike to School & Work!

participants



RECORD:
42 Schools
in May
2017!



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Bike/Walk Day & Let's Roll MPS May 9, 2018



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Everyone is invited!

#4 Explore options to reduce street harassment

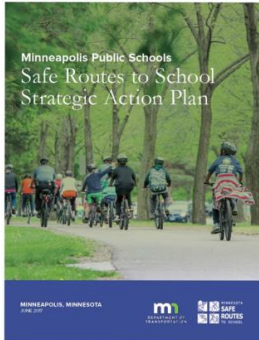


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#5 Develop a traffic safety pilot program



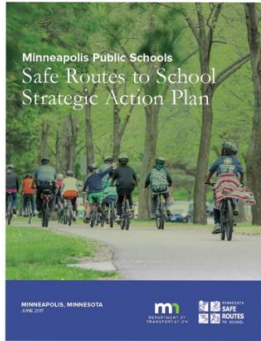
MPS SRTS Strategic Action Plan



1. Develop universal Bike Education 4th & 5th graders
2. Encourage green walk/bike field trips
3. Develop system to compensate MPS Super Stars
4. Partner and explore options to address and reduce street harassment
5. Develop a pilot program to promote traffic safety near schools



MPS SRTS Strategic Action Plan



1. Identify priority areas for planning & infrastructure.
2. Within priority areas, generate planning level SRTS infrastructure recommendations for individual schools.
3. Update City and County Complete Streets checklists to enhance school coordination on transportation projects.
4. Consider a pilot program to implement school speed zones on arterial streets near schools.
5. Consider adding a City of Minneapolis SRTS and active transportation encouragement staff position.



Culinary & Wellness Services > Health & Wellness > Safe Routes to School

Winter Walk Day is Wednesday, February 7th, part of MPS Winter Wellness Week. Let's celebrate Minnesota Winter! On Winter Walk Day, you can celebrate walking to school or celebrate walking sometime during the school day! Some schools may want to celebrate the adventurous winter bikers, who always seem to be so happy. Hmmm...Indeed, finding joy in winter has real consequences for those who practice, as described in [this article](#) about Tromsø, Norway, where rates of seasonal depression are remarkably low. Events can also make a big difference in the wellness and connectedness of



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Best Practices: Citywide SRTS

- Cross Agency Collaboration
- Funding Resources
- Project Integration
- Pedestrian Crossings
- Community Engagement and Communication

Based on Technical Memo #1: Best Practices in citywide SRTS Planning and Implementing. Developed by Alta Planning and Design
Observations from Palo Alto, CA; Portland, OR; and Minneapolis, MN

Cross Agency Collaboration

- MOU between City and Schools (Portland)
- Designated Transportation Safety Representative (Palo Alto, CA)
- Monthly SRTS Work Group Meetings (Minneapolis)

Funding Resources

- Vehicle Emissions Reduction based at Schools (VERBS) grant (Palo Alto, CA)
- Dedicated Staff through general fund (Portland)
- Set aside funds from budget (Minneapolis, MN)

Project Integration

- School Commute Corridors Network (Palo Alto, CA)
- GIS based inventory needs (Portland, OR)
- Integration with Vision Zero/Traffic Safety Division (Portland, OR)
- Walking Routes for Youth Map (Minneapolis, MN)
Note: Presented on Network call in 2014)

Pedestrian Crossings

- Walk Audits
- Prioritization
- Marked Cross walks at all signals (Minneapolis, MN)

Community Engagement and Communications

- Regular and accessible community meetings
- Education programs
- Prioritize outreach for students of color and/or low income households

National Best Practices

- City Commitment to SRTS
- SRTS Project Prioritization



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Bike MN @ <http://www.bikemn.org/> - Check out Mayoral Caucus

WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL DATES:

~~**OCTOBER 4TH, 2017**~~

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2018

MAY 9TH, 2018



Sign up for Winter Walk to School Day! Win the Golden Snowboot?

https://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/programs/winter_walk_to_school_day.html

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [SRTS Academy Application](#) – To host a spring workshop, application deadline February 28, 2018
- Bike + Walk MN Conference April 29 – May 1, 2018
 - <http://www.bikemn.org/component/events/event/544>
 - Call for Presentations deadline extended until Feb 1, 2018!!!
 - SRTS Track and possible ancillary opportunity May 1

Walk! Bike! Fun! Updates:

The new application to host a 2018 WBF training will come out the 2nd week of January. It will include options for both Spring and Fall. Intention is to allow for planning when school is in session and remove barrier of planning during summer when staff is away.

Deadline for requesting Spring trainings will be February 28th,
Deadline for requesting Fall trainings will be June 1st.



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MONTH

January 18, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- SRTS Large District Strategies
- Minneapolis Public Schools New SRTS Action Plan

MONTH

February 15, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- MN SRTS Evaluation Plan (NEW!)

MONTH

March 15, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- Success with Bike Fleets (with Bike MN Call)

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MONTH

April 19, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

• TBD

MONTH

May 17, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

• TBD

MONTH

June 21, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

• TBD

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2018 MEETINGS

2018 Meeting Dates:

~~January 18~~

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

July 19

August 16

September 20

October 18/25

November 15

December 20

Call Time: 10:00 – 11:00AM



THANK YOU!